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MISSIONS 2000, 2001, 2002

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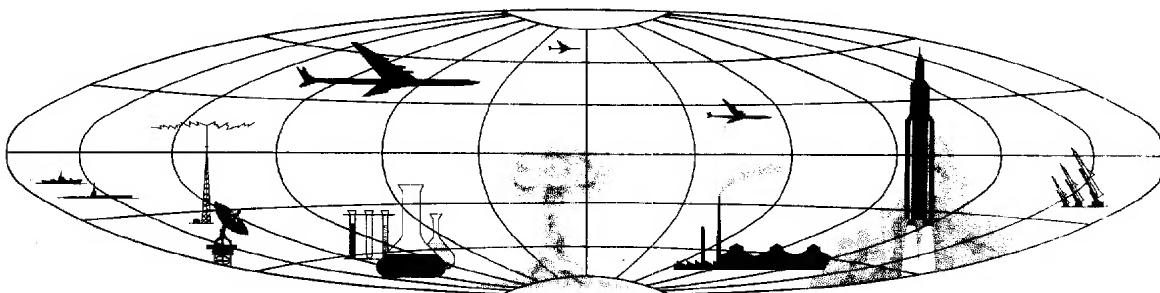


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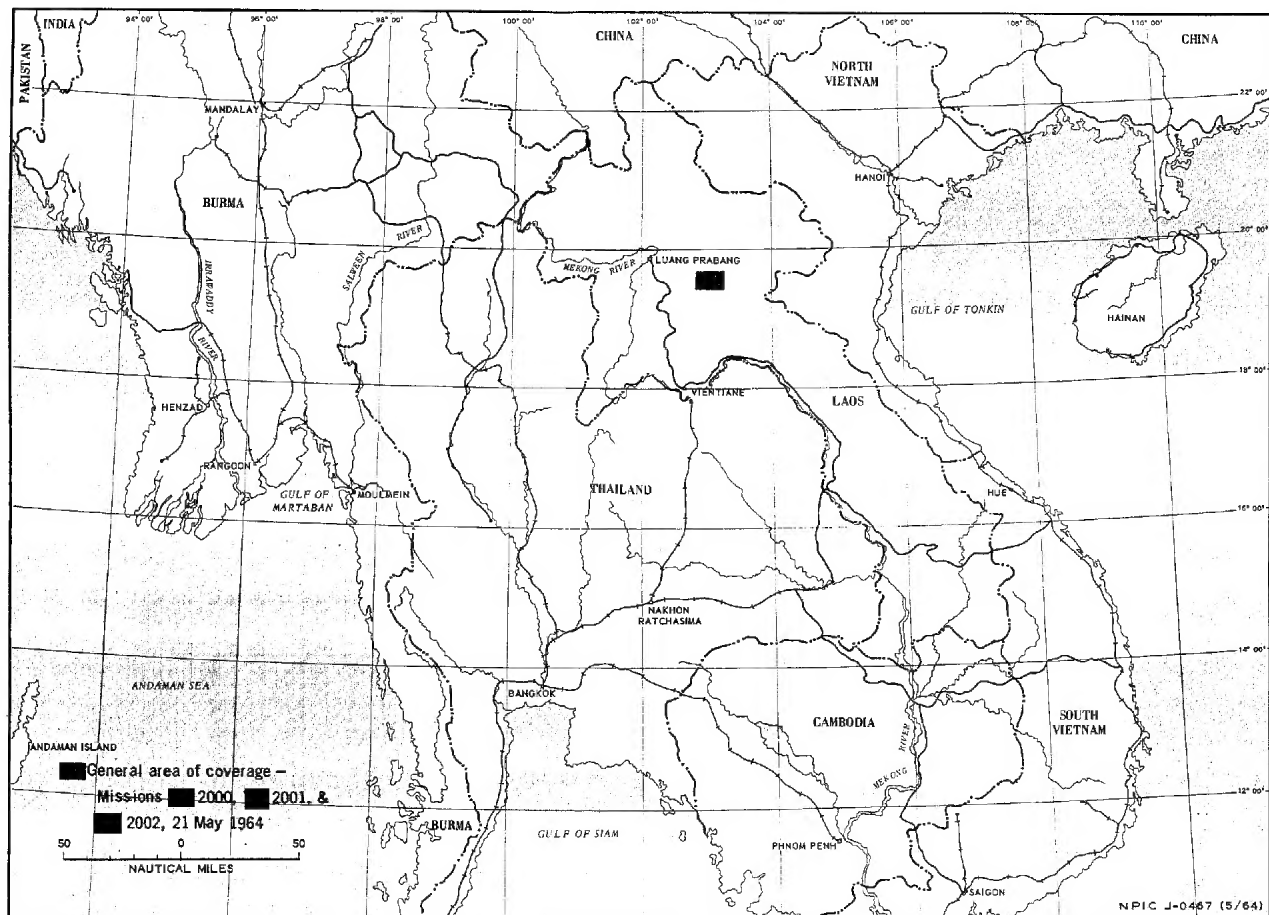
THIS REPORT REPRESENTS THE PRELIMINARY INTERPRETATION OF [REDACTED] MISSIONS 2000, 2001 AND 2002 (ORIGINALLY NUMBERED 621, 622 AND 623), FLOWN 21 MAY 1964 OVER THE PLAINE DES JARRES AREA (LAOS).

THIS REPORT DEALS PRIMARILY WITH THE HIGHEST PRIORITY INTELLIGENCE ITEMS APPEARING IN THE COMOR TARGET LIST. HOWEVER, IT ALSO INCLUDES OTHER SIGNIFICANT TARGETS OBSERVED DURING THE SCAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY. TARGETS ARE ARRANGED BY SUBJECT AND WITHIN EACH SUBJECT BY COMOR TARGET NUMBER, WHICH APPEARS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE HEADER LINE. SIGNIFICANT TARGETS NOT IN THE COMOR TARGET LIST ARE INCLUDED UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SUBJECT FOLLOWING THE COMOR LISTED TARGETS.

SYMBOLS USED TO INDICATE THE CONDITIONS WHICH AFFECT THE APPEARANCE OF THE TARGET ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY ARE AS FOLLOWS -- C (CLEAR), SC (SCATTERED CLOUD COVER), HC (HEAVY CLOUD COVER), H (HAZE), CS (CLOUD SHADOW), PQ (POOR IMAGE QUALITY).

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LOCATOR MAP FOR [REDACTED] MISSIONS 2000, 2001, 2002, 21 MAY 1964.

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ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

1. AN APPROXIMATELY 10-TRUCK CONVOY AT 19-25N 103-12E ON UNMARKED ROUTE HEADING SOUTH .2 WSW OF BAN GION.

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2. AT LEAST 8 TRUCKS IN CONVOY AT 19-26N 103-11E ON ROUTE 7 HEADING NW .4 NM NNE OF BAN NAM KHAD.

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3. A 12-TRUCK CONVOY AT 19-27N 103-08E ON UNMARKED ROUTE HEADING WEST IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF XIENG KHOUANG AIRFIELD.

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AIR FACILITIES

XIENG KHOUANG AIRFIELD 1927N 10308E

5,500 X 65 FT NE/SW PSP-PACKED EARTH RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE.

FACILITIES INCLUDE PSP PARKING AREA SOUTH OF RUNWAY CENTER AND 3 SMALL PROBABLE SUPPORT BUILDINGS ADJACENT TO THE PARKING AREA.

EXTENSIVE TRACK ACTIVITY AND TRENCHING OBSERVED

THROUGHOUT THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE AIRFIELD.

VEHICLES -- 12 TRUCK-CONVOY HEADING WEST ON UNNUMBERED ROUTE SOUTH OF FIELD.

VEHICLES -- 3 TRUCKS SCATTERED ALONG UNNUMBERED ROUTES ESE OF AIRFIELD.

AIRCRAFT (ON BOTH MISSIONS) -- ONE DERELICT C-47.

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BEN SAO LANDING STRIP 1927N 10307E

IMMEDIATELY NW OF BAN SAO AT 1,700 X 100 FT N/S SOD RUNWAY, PROBABLY SERVICEABLE.

FACILITIES INCLUDE 2 TENTS, NUMEROUS SUPPORT BUILDINGS, 3 STORAGE AREAS (2 ARE SECURED OPEN POL STORAGE AREAS WEST OF THE LANDING STRIP), 10 TENTS AND

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NUMEROUS SUPPORT BUILDINGS IMMEDIATELY SSE  
OF THE SOUTH END OF THE LANDING STRIP, AND  
ONE PARTIALLY COLLAPSED TENT AND SEVERAL STORAGE/  
SUPPORT BUILDINGS .5 NM EAST OF SOUTH END OF STRIP.  
TWO SHOP VANS, ONE CRANE, AND 15 TRUCKS OBSERVED.  
AIRCRAFT -- 2 DERELICT.

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PHONG SAVAN AIRFIELD WEST 1926N 10311E

13 NM NW OF XIENG KHOUANG.  
2,500 X 200 FT NW/SE SOD RUNWAY, UNSERVICEABLE.  
AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

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BAN THANG AREA, LANDING STRIP (1) 1925N 10304E  
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BAN NON HON AREA, LANDING STRIP 1926N 10305E  
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PHONG SAVAN AIRFIELD 1927N 10313E

11 NM NE OF XIENG KHOUANG AT UTM [REDACTED]  
3,000 X 160 FT NW/SE SOD RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE.  
FACILITIES INCLUDE 2 SUPPORT BUILDINGS  
IMMEDIATELY WEST OF SE END OF RUNWAY.  
TWO UNOCCUPIED FA POSITIONS OBSERVED .8 NM  
ESE OF AIRFIELD AT UTM [REDACTED]  
AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

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BAN NON HON AREA, AIRFIELD 1926N 10305E

AIRFIELD IS PARTIALLY COVERED. WESTERN PORTION OF RUNWAY IS UNDER REPAIR. SECURED SUPPORT FACILITY LOCATED IMMEDIATELY SW OF RUNWAY CONSISTS OF 25 SUPPORT BUILDINGS. TWO STEAM ROLLERS AND ONE TRUCK OBSERVED ON WEST SIDE OF RUNWAY. AIRCRAFT -- ONE DERELICT C-47 TYPE.

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BAN THANG AREA, LANDING STRIP (2) 1925N 10304E

ONE NM EAST OF BAN THANG.  
3,600 X 135 FT N/S SOD LANDING STRIP, SERVICEABLE.  
AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

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MILITARY ACTIVITY

PLAINES DES JARRES MILITARY COMPLEX 1928N 10315E

APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT OF COMPLEX COVERED BY PHOTOGRAPHY.  
NO NEW MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, TANK/TRUCK PARKS, AAA EMPLACEMENTS OR RADAR FACILITIES OBSERVED.

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KHANG KHAI, MILITARY COMPLEX 1930N 10315E

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